

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 683

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Tori West, 2012
Salutatorian of Smith County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Tori West is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class at Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Tori has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. West has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Tori has graciously dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Beta Club, Spanish Club, French Club, Science and Math Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, she has played and sung with Cumberland River Bluegrass at several fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. West has displayed her athletic prowess as a tennis player for Macon County High School; in 2011, she went undefeated in singles play during the regular season and went on to win her district, she has been selected for Third Team All-Midstate, and she has been on the All-District Team the past two seasons; and

WHEREAS, Tori also has an accomplished dancing career; in 2007, she won the National Championship in traditional clogging for her age division in Maggie Valley, North

Carolina, and during her time with Rhythm-N-Motion, a square dance team in Cookeville, she was given the opportunity to perform at the Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. West's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Benton and Melody West; her siblings, Craig West and Jenille West Gray; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Tori West's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Smith County High School Salutatorian, Tori West, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.